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Pole, engineer are charged in theft of classified documents

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LOS ANGELES—A Polish businessman from the Chicago area and a radar engineer with a top-secret clearance were indicted Thursday on charges of espionage in a case involving the theft of sensitive documents from Hughes Aircraft Co.

A federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment charging William Ma-

rian W. Zacharski, 29, and W. Holden Bell, 61, with crimes that could mean sentences of life imprisonment if they are convicted.

The indictment outlines an alleged spy conspiracy beginning in early 1978 and continuing until the two were arrested last month.

Both were charged with "conspiracy to gather or deliver defense information to aid a foreign government."

ZACHARSKI, a Polish national in this country on a business visa, is president of Polish American Machinery Co. (Polamco) of the northwest Chicago suburb of Elk Grove Village.

Ken Kaiser, FBI supervisor for counterintelligence in Chicago and an expert on Polish intelligence, said at the time of Zacharski's arrest that the company he headed was a legitimate business, chartered in Illinois, though 86 per cent of the firm was owned by a parent company in Poland.

Kaiser said Zacharski allegedly worked with Bell, a former employe of Hughes Aircraft, to sell to Polish intelligence agents classified military information. The information reportedly was sold for \$110,000, a price Kaiser said was "a significant amount of money for this type of business."

ASSISTANT U.S. Atty. Robert Brewer, who announced the indictment, said trial dates for the two would be set at Monday's arraignment.

One count of the indictment specifically charges Bell with stealing a document titled "Dual Purpose Weapon Systems (DPWS) Study Effort Final Report," which was dated September, 1979, and was marked "secret."

The government charged that Bell traveled to Switzerland last April with photographs of that document and transferred the items to agents of the Polish government.